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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON CYPRUS

1. SECURITY COUNCIL HELD INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE WHOLE THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 8. SC PRESIDENT VON WECHMAR (FRG) ACKNOWLEDGED TABLING OF DRAFT RESOLUTION BY BENIN, MAURITIUS AND PANAMA, BUT SAID THAT HIS SOUNDINGS INDICATED THAT A NUMBER OF MEMBERS WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SUPPORT THIS DRAFT. EH EXPRESSED HOPE THAT COUNCIL WOULD CONTINUE EFFORTS TO SEEK A DRAFT ACCEPTABLE TO ALL MEMBERS. THIS SENTIMENT ECHOED WITH VARYING DEGREES OF ENTHUSIASM BY ALL REPRESENTATIVES WHO SPOKE. SPONSORS AGREED NOT TO PRESS THEIR RESOLUTION TO AN IMMEDIATE VOTE, BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THEIR RESOLUTION MIGHT BE "BURIED" OR WEAKENED, AND URGED THAT THE COUNCIL NOT DELAY UNDULY A DECISION. IN SUMMING UP, VON WECHMAR SUGGESTED THAT INDIAN AMBASSADOR JAIPAL CONTINUE HIS PRIVATE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON A TEXT. IN TURN, JAIPAL ASKED BENIN AND CANADA TO HELP HIM, WHICH THEY RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO DO.

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2. TIMING OF NEXT FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING LEFT UP IN THE AIR. VON WECHMAR CLEARLY PREFERS MONDAY AFTERNOON, BUT SOVIET AMBASSADOR PRESSED HIM TO ACCOMMODATE CYPRIOT FOMIN CHRESTOPHIDES' DESIRE TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL TOMORROW. AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, CHRESTOPHIDES IS FEELING POLITICAL PRESSURE FROM HOME OVER DESULTORY PACE OF COUNCIL PRECEEDINGS AND

WANT A MEETING TOMORROW IN ORDER TO GIVE AT LEAST THE IMPRESSION OF MOVEMENT. THUS COUNCIL MAY MEET FRIDAY AFTERNOON TO HEAR CHRISTOPHIDES.

3. EARLIER IN THE DAY THE WESTERN FIVE MET AND ACHIEVED A FRAGILE CONSENSUS ON OUR IMMEDIATE TACTICS. FRANCE ANNOUNCED IT WOULD HAVE TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF BENIN DRAFT, BUT OTHER FOUR WESTERNS HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN. FURTHERMORE, SHOULD SO-CALLED BARTON-JAIPAL EXT TO BE PUT TO A VOTE, SAME FOUR SAID THEY WOULD ABSTAIN--EVEN BARTON. FRANCE HELPFULLY AGREED TO PERMIT "EXPERTS" OF FIVE TO IDENTIFY MINIMUM ELEMENTS WHICH WOULD PERMIT ALL FIVE TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION, AND THIS THEY HAVE DONE. FRENCH WILL URGE BENIN ET AL TO ACCEPT MODIFICATIONS OF TEXT IN INTEREST OF WIDER SUPPORT. FIVE WILL NOT CIRCULATE ANOTHER DRAFT, BUT HAVE AGREED INDIVIDUALLY TO SEEK COMPROMISE LANGUAGE BETWEEN BENIN DRAFT AND MOST RECENT WESTERN DRAFT WHICH WOULD MET OUR MINIMUM CONDITIONS.

4. SHOULD NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN AND THE BENIN DRAFT OR ONE CLOSE TO IT COME TO A VOTE NEXT WEEK, ITS SPONSORS CAN BE SURE OF ONLY EIGHT VOTES: BENIN, MAURITIUS, PANAMA, FRANCE, USSR, INDIA, VENEZUELA, AND ROMANIA. SWING DELEGATION WILL BE CHINA, WHICH IN RATHER GUARDED COMMENTS SO FAR HAS LAID CONSIDERABLE STRESS ON DESIRABILITY OF ACHIEVING BROAD AGREEMENT IN COUNCIL. MANY HERE, HOWEVER, DOUBT

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CHINA WOULD DISTANCE ITSELF FROM MAIN BODY OF NON-ALIGNED IN MANNER WHICH WOULD RESULT IN FAILURE OF RES.

5. TURKS ARE ADAMANTLY STICKING TO THEIR POSITION OPPOSING ANY RESOLUTION, AND ARE REFUSING TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS IN NUMEROUS DRAFT IN CIRCULATION. AMBASSADOR TURKMEN TODAY TOLD AMBASSADOR LEONARD THAT, IF COUNCIL MUST PASS A RESOLUTION, PRINCIPAL INTEREST OF TURKEY WOULD BE THAT IT WOULD BE ON WHICH THE UNITED STATES WOULD ABSTAIN. WE HAVE STAYED IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH TURKMAN AND HE UNDERSTAND THE PRESSURES ON US WHICH MAY CAUSE US IN THE END TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO OUR WESTERN COLLEAGUES.

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